

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image processor includes imager, compressor/expander, image memory, display memory, display and interface. Image data, representing an image captured by the imager, is input
5 to the compressor/expander, which either compresses the image data and outputs the compressed data to the image memory or receives and expands the compressed data and outputs the expanded data to the display memory. The expanded data is then presented on the display. The compressed data is then re-
10 corded by the interface on a storage medium. If the imager has captured a series of images consecutively, the image memory stores compressed data representing those images. The compressor/expander expands the compressed data and then outputs the expanded data to the display memory so that the im-
15 ages are presented on the display sequentially in an order in which the images have been captured, while the compressed data is being transferred from the image memory to the storage medium.